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Please submit articles either by email to viv.thomas146@btinternet.com or by hand (legible handwriting please!) and take them to the drop-off locations at Barbers Plant Centre, Chapmanslade, or Acres Supply Garden Centre, Corsley by the deadline.

News, reports, updates, thank you's, etc, from individuals or local organisations are free – the more the merrier – keep 'em coming!

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Small ads are £1 for each item whether 'For Sale' or 'Wanted'.

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**Deadline for articles
or adverts for the next
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4pm 19th August**

**Please note that no
items will be accepted
after this date**

August

Thursday 2nd

Fun in the Sun FREE summer holiday multi-sports coaching for children aged 5 - 11, 3 - 4 pm, Corsley Memorial Playing Field

Saturday 4th

Elizabethan Evening presents 'The Hound of the Baskervilles' – Manor Farm, Corsley

Sunday 5th

Chapmanslade Cream Teas

Tuesday 7th

Village Coffee Morning - 10 am - 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

Thursday 9th

Fun in the Sun FREE summer holiday multi-sports coaching for children aged 5 - 11
3 - 4 pm, Corsley Memorial Playing Field

Corsley WI – 7.30pm, President's Supper Evening at 26 Birchwood Close

Thursday 16th

Church and Community Coffee Morning – 10 am - 12 noon, Three Horseshoes
Chapmanslade

Fun in the Sun FREE summer holiday multi-sports coaching for children aged 5 - 11
3 - 4 pm, Corsley Memorial Playing Field

Chapmanslade Chicken Chasers Walk – 7.30 pm, meeting at the Three Horseshoes

Thursday 23rd

Fun in the Sun FREE summer holiday multi-sports coaching for children aged 5 - 11
3 - 4 pm, Corsley Memorial Playing Field

Sunday 26th

Songs of Praise followed by Cream Tea – 4.30 pm, Corsley Showfield

Bank Holiday Monday 27th

Corsley Show

Thursday 30th

Chapmanslade Parish Council Meeting

September

Monday 3rd

Corsley Parish Council Quarterly Meeting – 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room



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Diary Dates

Tuesday 4th

Village Coffee Morning - 10 am - 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

Thursday 13th

Corsley WI - 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room, 'From Womb to Tomb', Fiona Carruthers on the importance of meat in the diet

Sunday 15th

'The Merchant of Venice' performed by Illyria – 2.30pm, at The Elizabethan Playhouse, Manor Farm, Corsley

Thursday 20th

Church and Community Coffee Morning – 10 am - 12 noon, Three Horseshoes Chapmanslade

Cinema Corsley - 'The Post' – 7 for 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Wednesday 26th

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches Light Bites Soup Lunch – 12.30 pm - 2 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Thursday 27th

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Friday 28th

Macmillan Coffee Morning – 10 am - 4 pm, Barters Plant Centre

October

Tuesday 2nd

Village Coffee Morning - 10 am - 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

Monday 8th and Thursday 11th

Biology Week Q&A sessions hosted by Emeritus Professor Nigel Brown – Three Horseshoes, Champanslade

Thursday 18th

Church and Community Coffee Morning – 10 am - 12 noon, Three Horseshoes Chapmanslade

Cinema Corsley - film yet to be announced – 7 for 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Saturday 20th

'How Good is your Nose?' Wine Tasting Evening – 7 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches – Corsley Harvest Supper

Chicken Chasers Walk

Following a warm Sunday morning amble in July, the next Chapmanslade Chicken Chasers Walk will take place on **Thursday 16th August** meeting at 7.30pm at the Three Horseshoes.

Everyone is welcome to join the walk of around three miles on some of the village's fantastic footpaths taking in the scenery and (hopefully) enjoying an August sunset.

Any questions? Contact Jaimie on 07740 473725.

SAVE THE DATE!

**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING
10-4 pm, Friday 28th September
at Barters Plant Centre**

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or just come along on the 28th!

Piano exam results - well done girls!!

Our daughter Caitlin Elkins age 11 started playing piano under the tuition of Georgia Lawrence just after Easter 2017. It was decided before Christmas Caitlin would start working towards her grade one piano exam; many hours of "When the saints go marching in" plus two other pieces rang through our ears. Slowly and steadily the tunes became recognisable and a joy to listen to. The exam date was set for the 4th July, which coincided with the last transition day to Kingdown school. Caitlin was a little nervous but the examiner was very nice and soon put her at ease. All we could do was wait for the results. We were overjoyed to hear Caitlin had been awarded 127 marks, a MERIT (three marks from a distinction!!!)

We would like to say a huge congratulations to Caitlin for all her hard work, also to her brilliant teacher Georgia who has also worked very hard with Caitlin to get her to a high standard for the exam.

We are looking forward to hearing a variety of new tunes!

Wendy and Brian Elkins

For up-to-date information such as occasional parish council meetings, church services, previous editions of The Bridge, local clubs and activities, business listings, and other useful information, please visit **www.corsleyandthebridge.co.uk**
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Corsley traditionally had many orchards, with the Ordnance Survey map of 1926 showing nearly 20 separate orchards across the village. Today, with the exception of individual trees in some gardens they have all disappeared.

As many of you know, when Corsley School closed the Parish Council leased the school field from Wiltshire Council. The village joined together to plant half the field with a native wood. This wood has been slowly growing since then, but the rest of the field has remained unused. Corsley is famous for the Corsley Pippin, originally planted at the school by Headmaster Mr Latham so it seems fitting that the Old School Field be the site of a new orchard arboretum. The Parish Council has agreed to the proposal to plant a community mixed orchard (arboretum), at the school end of the field between the native wood and the school.

Our plan is to bring back an orchard to the village with a range of heritage varieties that will create a valuable ecosystem and be available for the community to harvest and use. There will be between 20 and 30 trees. All the trees will be protected from rabbits and deer for their first years.

We plan to start this autumn and are looking for suggestions and support as to which



trees we should plant. If anyone has fruit or nut trees they wish to donate please let us know. We would like to include the Corsley Pippin if anyone has one.

We hope that villagers may want to contribute towards funding a tree (or two) and have a plaque on the tree if desired. We will also be applying for a number of grants.

If you would like to help and support in any other way with ideas, planting or donating a tree please let me know.

Neil Carpenter

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Bob's bafflers

- 1 Whose theme tune was 'In the Mood'?
- 2 In the sitcom Dad's Army, what is Private Frazer's first name?
- 3 From which London Station might you board a train for Norwich?
- 4 Which American comedian was famous for routines about the driving instructor, introducing tobacco to civilisation and defusing a bomb?
- 5 What colour is the centre of an archery target?
- 6 Which small African antelope has a name based on the call of the female?
- 7 Who sang the wartime song 'Sally'?
- 8 Who was the first US President to be assassinated?
- 9 Who was known as 'the king of swing'?
- 10 Where in England was there a railway station called 'Mumps'?
- 11 Who sits on the woosack?
- 12 What is the skin on a deer's antlers called?

Answers on page 44

A Night For Our Stars

On Saturday 14th July, 19 students from the local area held a concert in Chapmanslade Village Hall in memory of a friend who'd lost his battle to cancer. All money raised from the tickets, raffle and generous donations was split between two charities; Dorothy House and Julia's House Hospice.

The night went amazingly well and even the members of the audience who weren't sure if they'd enjoy the night ended up saying it was a 'great night' and 'better than they'd expected'!

The grand total raised on the night was a smashing **£1,200** – we couldn't be more thankful!

Thank you to everyone who donated, supported or came to the event – it wouldn't have been possible without you all.

Love, the performers...

Georgia, Jess, Grace E, Amber, Libby, Helena, Ben C, Sarah, Rose, Charlie, Joe, Fraser, Seth, Dan, Ben, Grace W, Chloe, Corey and Edward

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Biology: changing the world

Should you have your DNA analysed?

There are several companies which will, in exchange for a significant amount of money, test your DNA for genes which put you at risk of certain diseases. They can also test your genetic ancestry through genes that have been conserved historically in geographic regions. Is it worth it and should you do it?

As I had worked on different aspects of DNA for most of my professional career, to celebrate a special occasion my wife bought me a “DNA portrait”. I had to take a swab of cells from my cheek and send the swab to the United States. I got back the large framed print shown in the figure. This is just an artwork, it is unique and its main value is as a thoughtful present. The company has the strapline “From life comes art”.

Other companies can use a similar swab of cheek cells or saliva for more serious purposes. This is genetic testing. Although human DNA is approximately 99.9% identical from person to person (and 60% similar to chickens!) the small differences between individuals are purported to tell you about your genetic ancestry in percentage terms. This can give interesting results. The American white supremacist, Craig Cobb, hoping to prove he was a “pure-blood white man” on a live daytime TV show, discovered his ancestry was 86% European and 14% Sub-Saharan African – much to the audience’s amusement. Those who are



concerned about their ‘racial purity’ have criticised the tests as being inaccurate, but some scientists also have worries about the validity of the data and assumptions on which the tests are based. These tests can have serious outcomes when they feed racial intolerance.

A major use of DNA testing is to determine whether you are at risk of developing certain diseases. Many genetically-determined diseases are not the result of a single gene, but a combination of different genes. However, certain variants of the BRCA1 and BRCA2 genes are known to predispose towards breast cancer. Angelina Jolie raised public awareness of these genes by choosing to have a double mastectomy in response to her DNA test. However, some variants of these genes are harmless, and it is vitally important that the results of a DNA test alone are not used as the basis for a

decision, but that consultation with a genetic counsellor occurs. The chance of developing breast cancer will differ depending on other aspects of an individual's genetics, lifestyle and environment. The NHS has just announced that from October DNA tests will routinely be available for cancer patients to optimise their treatment.

Other genetic diseases can also be tested, such as blood clotting disorders, Gaucher disease and coeliac disease, all of which are relatively rare and can be managed clinically. Tests have recently become publicly available for Parkinson's disease and inherited Alzheimer's disease. Previously these were only available through a medical practitioner. However, the company concerned strongly advises that a genetic counsellor should be consulted before applying for these tests.

So, should you have your DNA tested? If you are wanting some amusement concerning your "DNA portrait" or your genetic ancestry, there is little harm. But, if you are concerned about inherited disease or risks of developing a certain condition, do this through your medical adviser who will take into account your lifestyle and your environment.

Nigel Brown is happy to receive comments, questions and, particularly, suggestions for future articles at nigelbrown48@gmail.com. As always, this is my personal opinion; I am not medically qualified.

Chapmanslade Parish Plan

Village Voice

Residents of Chapmanslade, you can contribute to the future of your village by helping to write our Parish Plan. This will give an overview of the village and state how we want it to be in 5 years' time.

You don't need great expertise, but if you would like to join a group putting information together under one of the headings below, please contact nigelbrown48@gmail.com, or leave a note for Nigel Brown in the Three Horseshoes indicating which heading(s) you wish to help with.

- The Parish Profile
- Roads, Pavements, Traffic and Transport
- The Natural Environment
- Facilities and Utilities
- Housing and Development
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- Social and Community Issues

Biology Week 2018

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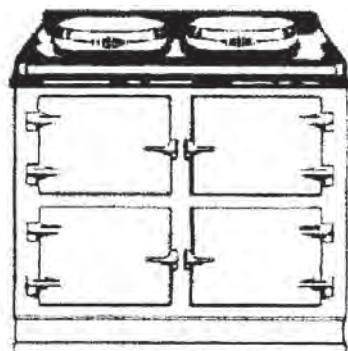


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Corsley Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

Chairman, Neil Britten, rounds up the PC's activity in July

The Parish Council (PC) met once in July for a short meeting to consider a planning application and ratify decisions on the development of the OSPF. The next planned meeting is the September quarterly and the next Bridge brief will be thus be in the October edition.

New planning applications

18/05169/FUL

Extension and conversion of existing garage to provide a holiday let and gym to existing building at Lane End Cottage, 72 Lane End Corsley.

The PC had no fundamental objection to the proposed changes to the garage, which was within the existing footprint area and in materials which match the existing house. The roof ridge height would increase by about 1.7m. However, the PC had reservations about the proposed number of parking spaces. There is inconsistency in the application between the three spaces shown on the plans and four quoted in the application. The proposal reduces the garage space to one vehicle and the driveway parking appears to be too small for cars to turn and exit forwards if four vehicles are present. The corner at Lane End is narrow, blind and notorious for caravan and

agricultural traffic being unable to pass and the possibility of cars having to reverse out of Lane End Cottage into this traffic flow is considered to be unsafe. The PC registered comments to this end and requested also be added to ensure that the garage remained ancillary to the main house.

Previous applications

18/04155/FUL

Removal of Condition 7 to allow Lavender Lodge, 40 Temple, Corsley to allow use as a permanent separate residency.

This was a re-application of a previous identical one, which was refused by Wiltshire on the grounds that it breached planning policy, and for which the PC had registered an objection on the grounds that there was "no evidence presented to suggest that its continued use as a commercial holiday let was no longer viable. The PC concluded that Lavender Lodge could not be classified as a "redundant" building and re-affirmed its original objection. The application was once again rejected by Wiltshire on the grounds that "No special circumstances have been demonstrated in terms of Local or National Policy to justify the use of the building for permanent residential purposes."

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18/04162/FUL

Erection of a single storey extension (garden room) on the South West elevation of the old farm house at Chipp's Farm, Cleyhill Lane, Corsley

This was approved by Wiltshire.

Old School Playing Field (OSPF)

The PC approved the applications from Judith Selman and Chris Johnson to create a flower meadow on the OSPF and Neil Carpenter to create a fruit orchard adjacent to the wildflower meadow. Plans to create a new entrance between the old tennis court and the boundary of the old school were also ratified and it is anticipated that this work will be completed by September. The OSPF will remain open to the public during all these works, but there will be periods when machinery is in use and access may be limited.

Dates of next meetings

| | |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| Quarterly Meeting | 3 September |
| Quarterly Meeting | 3 December (Precept setting) |

All meetings start at 7.30pm and are held in the lower Reading Room.

Neil Britten

Chairman

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Corsley Tennis Club held its Mixed Doubles Tournament on Sunday 8th July at The Memorial Playing Field. Five pairs contested some tense sets on a gloriously sunny afternoon.

Diana Hale and Michael Clarke prevailed narrowly over Sue Kerfoot and Keith Glenn. Isabel Lewis and Jenny Bishop had made a flying start but could not quite sustain such a high level.

The event was expertly organised by Jenny Bishop and concluded with an excellent tea. It was a delight to see the Memorial Playing Field so well used with a tennis tournament, a cricket match and the general use of the children's play area.

Just a reminder of various points of contact:

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Membership Enquiries (Membership Secretary) **Emma Fox** **07512 009580**

Further information about the Corsley Tennis Club and an application form see our website **www.corsley-tennis.uk**

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If you're new to the village, this is the place to come to be warmly welcomed and to say hello. Pauline, our vicar, and Debbie or Candy, our PCSOs, are often able to join us. We look forward to seeing you.

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Dear Friends,

It's good to be back! I had such a wonderfully creative and fruitful time during my three months' sabbatical and I am deeply grateful to all those who made it possible, not least our superb churchwardens and our wonderful retired clergy who were so willing to help by taking Sunday services, weddings, baptisms and funerals. I should also mention my husband I think, who looked after dogs, chickens and parrot whilst I was gallivanting off to varying wonderful life-giving places. Mind you, the dogs were a bit sniffy every time I reappeared; they do have a way of letting you know they are not impressed by your absence!

So what did I learn from these three months? What was I looking for in this time I was so generously given? Well firstly I realised how I normally functioned wasn't exactly a healthy way of living; it took me about six weeks to stop gulping my meals down at an alarming rate and it dawned on me that usually I exist in a state of permanent adrenalin high, ready to rush on to the next appointment or the next task at a moment's notice. No wonder I suffer from chronic indigestion! I'm sure this resonates with many of you whom I know lead very busy lives. Once I started to relax and slow down I began to notice and appreciate what was around me. It's hard to articulate but I came to a greater appreciation of the simple things in life, particularly the relationships I share with my family and how important it is to give time and energy in nurturing those relationships. Most profoundly I think, I realised that I have everything I need now, this minute; that God, what ever that word means, is here now. I don't need to go running off stressing and searching for whatever it is I'm searching for, but rather need to pay attention, to open my eyes to the God given beauty of this very moment. R S Thomas articulates this so wonderfully when he writes:

I have seen the sun break through
to illuminate a small field
for a while, and gone my way
and forgotten it. But that was the
pearl of great price, the one field that had
treasure in it. I realise now
that I must give all that I have
to possess it. Life is not hurrying
on to a receding future, nor hankering after
an imagined past. It is the turning
aside like Moses to the miracle
of the lit bush, to a brightness
that seemed as transitory as your youth
once, but is the eternity that awaits you.

I know I've very probably alluded to this poem before but this business of stopping, slowing down and paying attention seems to me to be vitally important in our aggressively fast paced society. So I invite you today, after you read this, stop just for a moment and pay attention to that pearl of great price that is the nowness, the givenness, of your life.

With love and prayers, Pauline

July Church Diary

Sunday 5th August: Tenth Sunday after Trinity

8am at St Michael the Archangel, Brixton Deverill: 1662 Holy Communion

9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley: Eucharist

10.30am at St Peter & St Paul's, Longbridge Deverill: Morning Worship



Sunday 12th August: Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

9.30am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade: Family Holy Communion

10.30am at St Mary the Virgin, Kingston Deverill: Eucharist

11am at St Margaret of Antioch, Corsley: 1662 BCP Matins



Thursday 16th August

10am to 12noon at the Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade
Church & Community Coffee Morning



Sunday 19th August: Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am at St Michael the Archangel, Brixton Deverill: Eucharist

10.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley: Family Worship



Sunday 26th August: Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am at St Peter & St Paul, Longbridge: Eucharist

4.30pm at the Showground, Corsley: Songs of Praise
followed by cream tea!



Monday 27th August: Bank Holiday Monday

Corsley Show from 10am to 5pm

Major Fundraising Event



Sunday 2nd September: Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

8am at St Mary the Virgin, Kingston Deverill: 1662 Holy Communion

9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley: Eucharist

10.30am at St Peter & St Paul's, Longbridge Deverill: Morning Worship

WW1 & Remembrance Centenary Commemoration

Are you a knitter? Chapmanslade needs you! If you can help us by knitting poppies for this year's Remembrance Day please contact Janet Buick as soon as possible. Janet can provide you with the pattern and will also help provide guidance if you need it. It is hoped to have a cascade of poppies flowing off the church entrance in Chapmanslade. The current plan is that at 11am we shall assemble around the War Memorial which will have a Garden of Remembrance. This will be followed at mid-day by the planting of 21 trees and a dedication to the fallen at the Memorial Field and then the village will host a "bring and share" lunch. It is anticipated that the new booklet giving details about the service personnel from Corsley and Chapmanslade who lost their lives by Fiona Carruthers and Phil Jefferson will be on sale at the lunch with the net proceeds going to the Royal British Legion.

Harvest Celebrations

The first Harvest Service will be at St Margaret's on October 7th. This will be followed the next Sunday, the 14th, with a Harvest Service at St Philip & St James'. On the same Sunday there will be a special Book of Common Prayer Harvest Matins at St Margaret's.

Our very popular Harvest Suppers will take place on Saturday 20th October at Corsley Reading Rooms, and the following Saturday 27th at Chapmanslade Village Hall. Please see next months Bridge for more details

Fundraising

On the 14th of July St Margaret's hosted a concert by the Military Wives Choir who gave us a wonderful evening which was much enjoyed by all who attended. Hopefully we can repeat at some appropriate time in the future. Our sincere thanks to the Military Wives Choir who are brilliant.

On Saturday 21st July we returned to the delightful Job's Mill by kind invitation of Ian and Lady Sylvi McQuiston for an afternoon of Pimms and cream teas. The wonderful gardens were at their very best even after the long hot summer and everyone enjoyed a lazy afternoon alongside the millpond.

We have our usual stall at the Corsley Show on August Bank Holiday Monday. We appeal for produce for the stall and gifts for the raffle. If you can help please contact Phil, Stella or Judith.

We give early notice that we shall be holding another ever popular Auction of Promises early in the new year.

Social events

The day before the Corsley Show at 4.30pm we shall be holding a Songs of Praise service at the Showground and this will be followed with a cream tea! Everyone is very welcome to come along as we sing some of our favourite hymns and enjoy a cream tea afterwards.

The community is at the heart of our Church. Every month on the third Thursday we hold a Coffee morning at the Three Horseshoes. This is usually attended by around thirty people and

an opportunity for people to meet friends and make new friends. When possible if duties allow the local Police will join us.

A reminder that in September we will restart the Lite Bites Soup Lunches at the Reading Rooms in Corsley, on the fourth Wednesday in the month. As well as sampling some wonderful home made soups it is an opportunity to have a good natter over lunch. We welcome donations which are for various charities and last year we donated c£1,500 to these charities.

Foundation Governor at Chapmanslade School

We currently have a vacancy for a Foundation Governor at the school. If you are interested in this important role please contact Phil Jefferson.

Welcome, Congratulations & Farewell

We congratulate Harry Garrett and Joanna Parry on their marriage at Longbridge Deverill on 7th July.

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Corsley WI

July news

Carol Seward rounds up the July meeting and announces some forthcoming events



'Alternative Packaging' was the subject of the talk by Prof. Nigel Brown at the meeting of Corsley WI held in July. Professor Brown began by explaining that the use of microplastic beads, the minute particles which have now infiltrated the oceans, has now been banned from use in cosmetics and toothpaste. The beads are shed from synthetic materials like fleeces in every wash but they have been used in the production of many other household items.

Plastic was invented towards the end of the 19th Century and many people will remember Bakelite, the first totally synthetic plastic, which was very heavy and difficult to convert to anything else. Many foods require plastic packaging for hygienic reasons, but the bases and covers are made from different kinds of plastic. Although the bases are recyclable, the plastic film cover is not. Bio-plastics are degradable but long-life shopping bags need to be used about 50 times to offset the environmental cost of production, unless they are recyclable. Anything made from plant material is wholly recyclable. With pollution becoming such a problem, we are all urged to reduce our use of plastic in all its forms. The vote of thanks was given by Pauline Scott.

The competition for a re-usable shopping bag was won by Mary Purchase, with Di Dowling second and Jean White third.

Future Federation events include a Whist Lunch and a Christmas Crafts workshop. Full details are available at the meetings. New members are always very welcome.

In the finals of the Wiltshire Federation of WIs League Scrabble competition held in June, our team did extremely well to come fourth against strong opposition.

The August meeting is the "Presidents Supper Evening", for Corsley WI members only, starting at 7.30pm on Thursday 9th August at 26 Birchwood Close, Corsley Heath, BA12 7PN. The competition is for six savoury biscuits. The September meeting on 13th at 7.30pm will be held in the Reading Room as usual.

Are you new to the area? Don't know anyone? Come and make friends at our WI meetings, held in the Reading Room at Corsley on the second Thursday each month at 7.30pm. If you need a lift or would like someone to come with you, phone Carol Seward on 01373 832446 or email carol.seward@talktalk.net for details and any other information about Corsley WI.

Can you play skittles or scrabble, or would like to learn? We are always looking for new WI team members, so please contact us if you would be interested. For information about the Bridge Club and Lunch Club, please ring Pauline Scott on 01985 215760.

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Saturday 25th August

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Sunday 26th August

Practice 10.30 am

Start racing 11 am (approx)

Lunch 1.30 pm for an hour

Race until 5.30 pm

Monday 27th August

Practice 10.30 am

Start racing 11 am (approx)

Finish around 4.30 pm

FREE centenary mug!

One of our fabulous centenary mugs could be yours FREE if you enter at least one of the Children's Classes in the Horticulture and Crafts section or at least one of the races the Children's Sports!



In the Horticulture and Crafts section there are some great classes to have a go at – from a miniature magical garden to poems or a story, futuristic vehicle from waste material to a Design and Technology project and lots

more! Have a look at pages 40 and 41 in the Schedule which can be downloaded from the website (www.corsleyshow.org.uk). Don't forget to enter your masterpiece either online, by email or in person - all the information you need is on the Horticulture and Crafts page on the website in 'What's on'.

All children who enter the Children's Sports, which start at 10am on Show Day, will receive a FREE mug! There are races for all ages of children – split up into age groups – and we even have a race for toddlers! At the end of the Children's Sports there's a fun tug of war between the children and parents!

H&C classes are open to children 16 years and under on the day of the Show. Children's Sports are open to children 13 years and under on the day of the Show

We would like to thank Longleat who have very generously sponsored our centenary mugs

Horticulture & Crafts Show Entry Form

- One exhibitor per Entry Form.
- For Rules please see page 50 of the Schedule.
- Entry forms will be accepted at The Reading Rooms, Corsley on Monday 13th and Monday 20th August from 7 - 8.30 pm.
- They may also be sent direct to the Processor: Vanessa Hyde, The Forge, 104A Corsley Heath, Warminster, BA12 7PP
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Parish Council Briefing

Notes from the Parish Council meeting held on 5th July

The Chairman opened the meeting by reporting that at the last Wiltshire Council Planning Committee the following decisions were reached:-

- The planning application regarding a temporary rural workers dwelling at Sienna's Valley was rejected.
- The planning application for one single-storey dwelling on the site behind 102 High Street was approved but with stringent conditions.

A major item for public discussion was the offer from Lochailort (re the development of Barthers Farm) to provide £120k for either getting mains gas into the village or for traffic management. After lengthy discussion it was apparent that those present supported traffic management. The next item for public discussion was the planning application from Natural Retreats to develop Thoulstone Park as a holiday destination. It was apparent from the ensuing discussion that those present generally supported the application with some concerns about the A36 and access to the site.

The meeting then entered into closed session. The discussion as to either gas or traffic management was the choice was quickly decided with agreement that the

Parish Council would ask for the money offered to be used for a traffic management scheme. The Councillors then discussed Thoulstone Park and the decision was that the Parish Council supported the application. The only query was the future footpath/cycleway/bridleway from the site towards Chapmanslade which is not shown on the application. (Since the meeting the Chairman has sought clarification from Natural Retreats and has been assured that it was important that such a bridleway from Thoulstone towards Chapmanslade was created. This was to ensure that holidaymakers could get from the site to the village amenities safely and easily.)

The Chairman reported that a new planning application from Lochailort in respect of Barthers Farm was expected imminently. (The application has now been received and as an early decision is required a **special Parish Council meeting took place on July 26th.**)

Next meeting:

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for 30th August.

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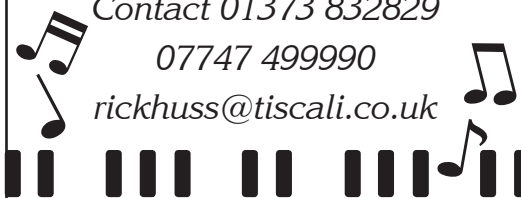
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Whitbourne Chapel

*(The sun) rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit...
nothing is hidden from its heat. Psalms 19:6*

Phew!

My great-grandson, nearly-two-year-old Hugo, loves the hot weather we've had this past month. He's out of bed and outdoors by 7.30 in the morning and there he stays until bedtime, unless he, his Mum Jess and his baby sister Penny have an outing or an appointment. Yes, he's in the safe shade of a gazebo, but the actual temperature doesn't faze him at all.

How has the recent heat make you feel? I'm afraid it's all been too much for me. I haven't managed to do anything but drive, eat and drink tea. I think it's strange that I still need hot cuppas and plenty of food, when I don't seem able to cope with anything else!

The one-hundredth Corsley Show

Yes, the Chapel's getting ready for our day under the gazebo! I hope, of course, that it doesn't rain – certainly not on the day, or the week before the Show – but nor would I like to sit under the gazebo in the temperatures we've had lately! Whatever the weather on Bank Holiday Monday, I hope you'll come along and enjoy the celebrations. Please visit the Chapel gazebo, sit in the shade – or the dry! – for a few minutes and chat to the 'team' on duty.

Trevor Brain, from Operation Mobilisation, should be with us again, displaying materials from the organisation's work with

vulnerable adults and children, from migrant families in Germany to earthquake victims in Haiti and Dalit ('Untouchable') families in India. Hopefully, other visiting preachers to the Chapel will join us, too.

Don't get heated - but try this quiz!

- 1 What is the tongue compared to in the Epistle of James? 3.6
- 2 Shadrach and friends experienced something hot. What? Dan 3.21
- 3 What hot thing did Jeremiah see as an image of impending disaster? Jeremiah 1.13
- 4 Who warmed himself by a fire before he started cursing? John 18.18
- 5 In James' Epistle what connects a wealthy man with a wild flower? 1.11

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Friday and Saturday

12 noon to 3pm
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Sunday

12 noon to 10pm

We look forward to welcoming back our old customers and making some new friends!

community news

Corsley Reading Room

Your 'village hall'

We have had the hedges cut and the flower bed generally tidied up. There is the opportunity for someone to volunteer to look after these aspects on a voluntary basis and save money. If you are interested, then please contact me or any of the committee to discuss.

We have had a new electric "coin in the slot" machine installed for the hall heating as the old one was becoming an antique! The electric meters are set to charge no more than the true cost of the electric that we are charged; we do not set out to make a profit on the electric.

Don't forget the next Coffee Morning is August 7th and the new Cinema Corsley film season begins with 'The Post' on Thursday 20th September (7 for 7.30pm)

Full details about the hall and its facilities including how to hire are on the website or call Gill Parkinson (01373 832322) to discuss.

See website www.corsleyreadingroom.org.uk

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Countryside Matters

As I write this on the 19th July we are experiencing the driest and hottest weather since 1976. Parts of the country already have a hosepipe ban for gardens and the shortage of grass for grazing on the farm is causing much concern.

Hay made a month ago intended for special feed in the winter months has already been fed to hungry in-calf cows, due to give birth to their calves toward the end of August. These cows must be given a good diet, whatever the cost, to keep both them and their unborn calves in good health.

Many cows that would normally still be going through the milking parlour and giving milk have been dried off and are now resting up on fairly barren grass fields, with access to silage if necessary. It is essential that they have unlimited access to fresh water at all times and are, of course, checked for any health problems at least once a day.

Due to the high temperatures, some of the grain crops are being harvested early; the wheat has been harvested while the seed is still milky and both seed and stem (straw) is chopped finely and put into the silage clamp. This is called 'whole crop wheat' and will be mixed with other home-produced feed for the cattle during the winter months.

This does mean that the straw we need for feed and bedding will now be bought in, with most of the straw coming from Salisbury



Plain being harvested at least three weeks early.

This last month has shown the devastation of Dutch Elm Disease, horse chestnut leaf miner and Ash Dieback affecting trees in our woods and hedgerows. There is great concern that infected plants are being brought into the country by amateurs, where as professionals would follow the rigorous rules that horticultural and tree importers must follow.

Many young birds, mammals and woodland animals are now on the loose in our woods and fields without their parents; please be aware when you are out on your walks. Please do not pick them up unless they are injured – ground-nesting birds and hares will lie low until you have passed by.

Please also be careful with bonfires in gardens, open ground and woodland as they could quickly get out of control now the undergrowth is so dry.

Do check your dog and yourself for ticks regularly and beware of adders who are enjoying this warm weather. Enjoy the weather and the countryside, but do consider the dangers lurking in the countryside.

Judith Helliar

One Team

Community Policing

Help us tackle 'County Lines'

Young and vulnerable people living in our communities are being exploited by drugs gangs. It's happening right now and we need your help to protect them.

'County Lines' is a term used to describe gangs and organised criminal networks involved in exporting illegal drugs into one or more importing areas in the UK, using dedicated mobile phone lines or other form of 'deal line'. They are likely to exploit children and vulnerable adults to move and store the drugs and money using coercion, intimidation, violence and weapons. Gangs are targeting the most vulnerable people in small towns across the country to sell class A drugs on their behalf.

This type of behaviour is a significant threat to our communities and will not be tolerated but we need your help to spot the signs and act on your concerns. Your voice will be heard and will make a difference.

Director of Intelligence Sonja Leith said: "County Lines is everyone's responsibility and I would urge members of the public to be vigilant and look out for some of the most visible signs that county lines drugs gangs are operating in neighbourhoods and to report this to police. Our intelligence teams work hard to identify where county lines are exploiting vulnerable children and adults, and to proactively disrupt these networks. The intelligence we receive from communities is crucial in helping us, our partner agencies and neighbouring forces in tackling county lines and safeguarding

people. By raising awareness of the issue, I hope more people will be able to spot the signs, and feel comfortable in reporting information to the police. Your call could save lives."

Signs to look out for:

- Has a child or young person gone missing from school or home?
- Are they meeting with unfamiliar adults?
- Have you noticed a change in their behaviour?
- Are they using drugs and alcohol?
- Has there been a breakdown in relationships with family and friends?

These could be signs that they are being coerced and controlled to commit crime. Call 101 to report signs of coercion and con

Theft

Thoulstone: overnight on the 9th June, suspect(s) entered the fenced off area surrounding a generator and stole 380 litres of red diesel fuel.

A priority has been given to four mobile power generators which are providing power to Chapmanslade. Thefts of red diesel are occurring at these generators overnight. The CPT are conducting regular patrols to these sites. ****Update**** since this has been a priority, security at the sites has been improved and there have been no further reports of thefts but we ask the public to remain vigilant regarding activity or suspicious vehicles in the area. As a result, this priority has therefore been removed from Weekly Tasking.

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